

REMARKS/ELECTION

1. After entry of this paper, claims 1, 3-5, 10, 12-20, 22, 23, 28-32, 34-47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55-89, 161-166, 172-174 are pending.
2. In order to advance the prosecution of the application, claims 90-95, 97, 100-102, 104-115, 117-119, 122-124, 129-135, and 167-171 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The Applicant reserves the right to refile these claims in a continuation application.
3. Claim 160 has been canceled and replaced with new claim 174. Claims 161, 163, 165, 166, 172 and 173 have been amended to depend from new claim 174.
4. Claims 1, 3-5, 10, 12-20, 22, 23, 28-32, 34-47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55-95, 97, 100-102, 104-115, 117-119, 122-124, 129-135 and 160-173 stand subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. In support of the requirement, the Examiner states that the application is directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Figures 1-5, 13A, 13B, 14, and 19;
Figures 6 and 7;
Figures 8, 9, 12A, 12B, 12C, and 12D;
Figures 10 and 11;
Figures 15A and 15B;
Figures 16A and 16B;
Figures 17A and 17B;
Figures 18A and 18B;
Figure 20
Figures 21, 22, and 23
Figure 24
Figure 25
Figures 26 and 27

Responsive thereto, Applicant elects the species of Figures 1-5, 13A, 13B, 14, and 19 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1, 3-5, 10, 12-20, 22, 23, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55-66 67-80, 83-89, 161, 162, 165, 166, and 172-174, are readable thereon. This election is made with traverse.

The election is made with traverse because the Examiner states that no claim is generic. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this conclusion. Claims 1, 3-5, 10, 12-20, 22, 23, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55-66 67-80, 83-89, 161, 162, 165, 166, and 172-174 also read on the species of Figures 21, 22, and 23 and the species of Figures 26 and 27. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-5, 10, 12-20, 22, 23, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55-66 67-80, 83-89, 161, 162, 165, 166, and 172-174 are generic to Figures 1-5, 13A, 13B, 14, 19; Figures 21, 22, and 23; and Figures 26, and 27. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include the species of Figures 21, 22, and 23 and the species of Figures 26 and 27 in the prosecution of this application with the elected species of Figures 1-5, 13A, 13B, 14, and 19.

5. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the petition for the two (2) month extension of time and any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, which are associated with this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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